REMARKS

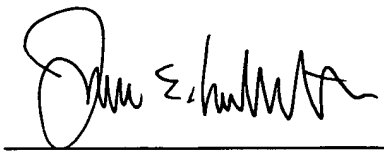
Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following comments.

In response to a telephone request from the examiner, an Assent of Assignee to Reissue and a Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) are attached. Also, as requested, the original Abstract is set forth in brackets.

It is submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any issue remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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